



Board Bulletin

September 12, 2014

Capital & Special Projects Update

Below please find a summary of activity as it relates to several on-going capital and special projects:

- 1. Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy** – Troop labor was utilized to make improvements to the grounds, gymnasium and modular units on the property. Repairs to the roofs of several buildings are also on-going.

A pre-qualification/pre-bid meeting will be held at the site on Tuesday, September 16 to provide construction drawings to interested contractors. Bids for the project will be due in mid-October. It is anticipated a general contractor will be in place and work initiated by no later than the first week of November.
- 2. Stanly Community College Cosmetology Facility** – The County has established criteria for utilizing a design-build construction method, and an engineering consultant has been engaged to provide a site plan and a not to exceed cost estimate.

The not to exceed cost estimate will be used to seek financing for construction of the new facility. It is anticipated the new facility will be complete by no later than August 2015.
- 3. Emergency Radio System** – Grading at all three (3) tower sites is complete. The County is currently working with Duke Power and Union Power Cooperative to install electricity at each site.

It is anticipated Motorola will begin constructing the tower and associated building at Tuckertown in early to mid-October.
- 4. Fiber/Broadband Study** – ECC Technologies is currently working to finalize the cost avoidance and potential revenue streams associated with an open access fiber build connecting the County's new public safety radio towers in Albemarle, Locust and Tuckertown with the MCNC fiber network in Midland.

The County has already been approached by several companies interested in entering the point to point (dark fiber) and wireless internet business in Stanly County, if open access fiber is made available. Thus, it is envisioned Stanly County could leverage private sector investment and spur additional job creation through this project.

FY 14-15 Sales Tax Update

Sales tax revenues for July 2014 (September report) were \$33,729 (5.1%) greater than June 2014 (August report).

Additionally, the July 2014 sales tax revenues are \$47,885 (7%) greater than the same revenues in July 2013.

When comparing sales tax results for the twelve (12) month period between August and July 2013/2014 versus the same time period in 2012/2013, revenues are down \$59,781 (0.8%)

Staff will continue to monitor sales tax revenues on a monthly basis and provide updates to the Board.

NACo Prescription Drug Card Savings

As of July 30, 2014, Stanly County citizens have saved over \$120,000 with the NACo prescription drug card program. This equates to an average savings of \$1,847 per month. The program was implemented by the Commissioners in March 2009.

As of July 31, over 6,400 individuals have utilized the card (duplicate count) and over 23,050 prescriptions have been discounted with an average price savings of \$5.21 (16.8%).

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Stanly COG Liaison Mtg.	Tuesday, Sept 23 Oakboro - TBA
Regular Board Meeting	Monday, October 6 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room